

# CZAR OF RUSSIA MAY ABDICATE

## Governor to Veto Dickinson Normal Bill

### DICKINSON NORMAL WILL BE SLASHED

Governor Frazier intimates Appropriation for New Normal Will Have No Chance

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
AGAINST BIG INCREASE

Rules State Must Trim Expenditures to Meet Present Revenues—Many to Suffer

There is little probability that the appropriations for the Dickinson normal or for any other new buildings will stand in the general appropriation bill, Governor Frazier stated late this afternoon. The state board of equalization met informally today and went on record unanimously against any increase in the assessed valuation. This means the appropriations must be slashed \$500,000, and as a result, the governor announced, there probably will be no new buildings for state institutions, and almost certainly no Dickinson normal appropriation.

The governor was not prepared to state definitely this afternoon whether any new buildings would be saved. The appropriations, he stated, must be cut down to slightly more than \$4,000,000, while the total now is \$4,550,000.

The informal meeting of the state board of equalization was not attended by State Treasurer Steen, who is absent from the city, but Attorney General Langer, State Auditor Kositzky, Secretary of State Hall and Governor Frazier form four-fifths of the membership, were of one mind the matter of increasing the assessed valuation to meet appropriation needs. An increase of \$142,000,000 would be required, according to tax commission estimates.

### WEATHER RETARDS FARM OPERATIONS

(United Press.)  
Washington, March 15.—Abnormal weather conditions will greatly affect the spring planting of all crops, according to information obtained by the United Press from the department of agriculture today. In all previous years the planting began in the extreme southern states about March 10, but on account of the heavy frosts the farmers are delayed in starting. This will be noticeable throughout the cotton zone. Information received from the department of labor shows that labor is scarcer than at any former planting season.

Wages have increased from 10 per cent to 25 per cent and it is hard to get help at any price. The shortage in labor is being felt not only in the cotton zone, but in the great grain belt of the west. It was hinted by one official that the department of labor may be asked to take a hand in the situation and help provide the necessary labor.

### DUPONT EXPLOSION SHAKES WILMINGTON

(Associated Press.)  
Wilmington, Del., March 15.—A heavy explosion in the commercial plant of the Hagley yards of the Du Pont Powder company, three miles from this city, shook Wilmington, and the surrounding territory today. The company is investigating whether any lives were lost.

### AMBITION TO BECOME SLEUTH ENDS FATALLY

(United Press.)  
Chicago, March 15.—Nicholas Delaney, a student of a correspondence school for detectives, was shot and killed last night, the victim of his boyish ambition to become a detective. He was shot by Thomas Watson, when he appeared at the Watson home to inform Mrs. Watson of the alleged reprehensible conduct of her husband. Several days ago he had intimated over the telephone to Mrs. Watson that he had the goods on her husband.

**BOYS TO GET AWARDS  
FOR FEEDING BIRDS**  
(United Press.)  
Minneapolis, Minn., March 15.—Twenty troops of boy scouts will on Saturday get their awards for feeding birds through Minnesota's bleak and cold winter.

### Americans Detained by Germany

August Hennig of Chicago, a Bookkeeper in Berlin, Not Allowed to Leave

TO BE HELD FOR  
DURATION OF WAR

(Associated Press.)  
Copenhagen, March 15.—March 15.—The detention of two Americans in Germany, one of whom at least is apparently classed by the German authorities as a belligerent, is reported here. James Moore, an American member of the crew of the unarmed Norwegian ship Storskog, which was sunk by a German submarine, is being held in an internment camp, together with three Russians and one British subject, who were also members of the Storskog's crew. Two Norwegians and Danes, who formed the balance of the ship's complement, have been released. The second American held is August Hennig, of Chicago, a bookkeeper in the Berlin branch of the National Radiator company. Mr. Hennig's application for permission to leave Germany and return to America has been refused by the German military authorities for the duration of the war.

Mr. Hennig's case is the first reported instance of a definite refusal by the German authorities to grant permission for departure of an American, the refusal being specifically endorsed in writing as "for the duration of the war."

### TO TAKE OVER WHEAT CROP OF CANADA

(Associated Press.)  
Ottawa, Ont., March 15.—The government has received word that the Canadian council of agriculture, meeting at Regina, has decided that the whole wheat crop of Canada shall be taken for the British government.

### SUNDAY BALL BILL SIGNED

Governor Frazier today signed S. B. 127, legalizing Sunday baseball in North Dakota. Games must be played at a certain distance from places of worship and no admission fee can be charged. Organized baseball is prohibited on Sunday.

### WAR SUMMARY

(Associated Press.)  
With the exception of the notable German retirement on the Franco-Belgian front, which, whether voluntary or forced, is still continuing, the most interesting military movements are in progress in western Persia and Mesopotamia.

Disorganized by their defeat at Kut-el-Amara, and before Bagdad, the Turkish forces in that section of Mesopotamia are retreating up the Tigris and at last reports were more than 30 miles north of Bagdad.

Eastward across the Mesopotamian border, in Persia, two columns of Russians are advancing toward the line of the Turkish retreat, driving other Turkish forces before them. One of these columns has captured Kermanshah, about 90 miles from the Mesopotamian border, after defeating the Turks in a two days' battle. In reaching Kermanshah, it has already advanced nearly 100 miles since capturing Hamadan on March 3.

To the northwest, another column is pressing southwestward and is only ten miles from the Mesopotamian frontier. Both of these Russian armies are threatening the main Turkish forces in Mesopotamia, retreating under the British pressure from Bagdad, with Mosul probably their objective.

### WITHDRAWING RAPIDLY.

(Associated Press.)  
London, March 15.—Brigadier General Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the British war office, today told the Associated Press that the withdrawal of the Germans from the Bucquoy on the Somme front was taking place faster than anticipated and that the whole new line might be on the reverse side of the Bapaume ridge.

### CHAPLIN FINDS \$750,000 SALARY TOO MEAGER

(United Press.)  
Albany, March 15.—Charlie Chaplin, the movie comedian, is dissatisfied with his salary. He has been getting \$750,000 a year, and has accepted an offer of an even \$1,000,000 a year from a competing firm. It's real money, too.

### HOLWEGG TALKS OF ORGANIZATION AFTER STRUGGLE

Suggests That Prussian Franchise May Be Changed When Peace Comes

STRONG FOREIGN POLICY  
URGED AS NECESSITY

Patriotism Only Can Be Achieved by Granting People General Equal Co-Operation

(Associated Press.)  
Berlin, March 15.—The following motion has been introduced in the Prussian lower house by Herr Friedberg, leader of the National Liberal party.

**Abolish Privileges.**  
"House resolves to request the royal state government to present a bill by which membership in the house of lords will be changed in such a way that while retaining the royal privilege of appointment, but abolishing all privileges of families and dignitaries which now exist in relation to membership of the house of lords, representation by means of election and corresponding to their importance be granted to all large municipalities, and to all professions of importance, for the economic life and the civilization of our people."

The house is expected to discuss the motion shortly.

The adoption of a measure such as that proposed by Herr Friedberg would be an important step in the political reorganization which has been discussed so widely in Germany of late. The hereditary house of lords, is composed of princes of the royal family, chiefs of mediocrized princely houses, heads of territorial nobility, life peers, chosen by the king, titled noblemen elected in certain provinces by land owners, representatives of universities, burgomasters of towns, with more than 50,000 inhabitants, and members nominated by the king for life or for a restricted period.

**LONGING FOR PEACE.**  
(United Press.)  
Washington, March 15.—"Friedenssehnsucht Siriben Sebensucht," the German word meaning a longing for peace, was the deep thought of the (Continued on Page Three.)

### Oldest Daughter May Be Third White House Bride, Says Dame Rumor



Margaret Wilson, Frank Compton and the Compton Home at Glencoe, Ill.

Miss Margaret Wilson, whose engagement to Frank E. Compton, head of a Chicago publishing firm, is being rumored, will be the third of President Wilson's three daughters to be married in the White House. She is the oldest. Miss Jessie Wilson, second daughter, was married to Francis Sayre in 1913, and the youngest daughter, Miss Eleanor Wilson, was married to William C. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, in 1914.

Compton is 42, and a widower with a 3-year-old son and an adopted daughter.

### War Fever Strikes at Foreigners

Applications for Citizens Papers in Chicago Courts Show Big Increase

EIGHTY PER CENT ARE  
GERMANS AND AUSTRIANS

(Associated Press.)  
Chicago, March 15.—Since diplomatic relations with Germany were broken off, there have been 1,900 petitions by aliens for second papers in Chicago courts, and 8,000 petitions for first papers. Approximately 80 per cent were German and Austrian.

### TUMBLES INTO BASEMENT--DIES IN COUNTY JAIL

Matt Phelan Succumbs to Injuries Sustained in Fall on Main Street

INQUEST HELD TODAY  
TO DETERMINE CAUSE

**DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL.**  
"Accidentally falling down a flight of stairs to the basement of Reed's billiard room and striking his head against some hard substance, causing a double fracture of the skull," was given as the cause of the death of Matt Phelan in the verdict returned by the coroner's jury late this afternoon. The jurors were: Frank Everts, Angus McDonald and Sydney G. Carley.

Anton Beer, coroner, stated late today that he has been unable to find the name of any relative. Phelan was known about the city as "Scotty."

Apparently little the worse for a tumble from the sidewalk into a basement near the Reid pool room on Main street, Matt Phelan, or Phelan, was given a bunk in the county jail (Continued on Page Eight.)

### SWEDISH PAPERS PRINT STORIES OF REBELLION

Bridge Is Dynamited by Revolutionists in Vicinity of Petrograd

OPEN REVOLT SINCE  
LAST THURSDAY

Tourists Returning From Slav Empire Tell of Great Political Unrest

GOVERNMENT  
OVERTHROWN

London, March 15.—Petrograd reports say Russian Duma backed by army succeeded in overthrowing reactionary government entirely. The revolution centered in Petrograd and Moscow. Prominent reactionaries including former premier Sturmer and Protopotoff imprisoned. Government now in hands of committee of safety. Garrisonists at Petrograd and Moscow went over in body to revolutionaries.

Question of dynasty is left unsettled thus far. It is reported there is a possibility of abdication of Emperor Nicholas who would be succeeded by Crown Prince with Grand Duke Nicholas acting as regent.

### MAY ABDICATE London, March 15.—Revolutions in Russia confirmed. Reported Czar may abdicate soon succeeding him.

(Associated Press.)  
Stockholm, March 15.—Reports of serious disturbances in Russia are published in Swedish newspapers. The Tidningen Sundsvall, publishes a statement that a railroad bridge over the Niva river in Petrograd, has been dynamited by revolutionaries. The Nyheter of Haparanda prints an interview with a Swedish business man who arrived in Petrograd Saturday from Moscow. This man is quoted as saying there has been an open revolt in many cities in Russia since Thursday of last week.

**BERLIN STATEMENT.**  
(United Press.)  
Berlin, March 15.—An executive committee of the Russian Duma has accomplished a revolution in Russia, according to an official Petrograd statement given out by the official press bureau of Berlin today.

### SUCCESSFUL REVOLUTION.

(Associated Press.)  
Berlin, by wireless, March 15.—There has been a successful revolution in Russia, according to the Overseas News agency.

**Duma Dissolved.**  
The following statement was given out today by the News Agency: "The following report was issued in Petrograd on March 4, about the successful revolution: "The population of Petrograd, incensed by the complete disorganization of transport service and of food supply, has been irritated for a long time against the government and has become restless. The population held the government responsible for all its sufferings. The government, expecting trouble, took measures on a large scale in order to maintain order and among other things, ordered the dissolution of the council of the empire and the duma."

"The duma, however, on March 11, decided not to accept the imperial ukase, but to continue its meetings. The duma immediately instituted an executive committee, presided over by the president of the duma."

### WILSON'S PHYSICIAN IS NOW ADMIRAL

(Associated Press.)  
Washington, March 15.—Dr. Cary T. Grayson, President Wilson's friend and naval aide, was confirmed by the senate today as medical director and rear admiral in the navy, after a long fight against him by Republican senators.

### BIG EXPLOSION IN POWDER PLANT

(Associated Press.)  
Wilmington, March 15.—Two thousand pounds of black commercial powder blew up today in the Hagley yards of the Du Pont Powder company and killed one workman. The city and surrounding territory for miles was tremendously shaken. The cause of the blast is not known.

### Oh Where, Oh Where, Is Spring?

Pretty Little Easter Hats and Suits Must Get Under Shelter or Be Ruined

SNOW TONIGHT AND  
COLDER IS FORECAST

Where, oh, where is Miss Spring? Pretty little Easter bonnets and charming spring suits which made their appearance on the streets of the capital city this week must get under shelter or be ruined. It's the decree of the weatherman.

Those military gowns in the display windows of the leading stores of the city have even failed to intimidate him. His forecast issued this morning reads snow and colder tonight; Friday partly cloudy.

Snow fell this morning over Montana and western South Dakota. According to Oris W. Roberts, meteorologist, it will probably be the last snow of the season. That's one reason why the people of Bismarck should appreciate the fall today.

The temperature at 7 o'clock this morning was 12 above and at noon 22. The highest yesterday was 30, and the lowest last night 10.

### DE FACTO COURT YOUMANS RULING IS HELD BINDING

Judges Fisk, Burke and Goss Were Rightfully Representing Tribunal

ROBINSON CALLS CASE  
TRAVERSY ON JUSTICE

Declares Error Was Made on Every Page of 900-Page Record of Hearings

Ruling that judges of a district court called in to sit in place of justices of the supreme court become when they enter upon the duties of justices of the supreme court vested with the same power and qualified to fill the office of justices, the provisional supreme court, composed of Justices Bruce, Christianson and Robinson and District Judges A. T. Cole of Fargo and J. M. Hanley of Mandan today handed down an opinion sustaining the de facto supreme court which, December 28, denied a petition for rehearing in the case of Grant S. Youmans of Minot vs. L. B. Hanna and other members of a former state banking board.

A hearing on the motion of Arthur LeSueur, representing the plaintiff, that the supreme court's order denying a rehearing be vacated, was heard January 17, and its findings have been awaited with deep interest in view of the fact that they involve the much mooted question of whether the North Dakota supreme court in December, 1916, consisted of Justices Fisk, Burke, Goss, Bruce and Christianson, or of Justices Bruce, Christianson, Robinson, Birdsell and Grace? The ruling handed down today sustains the former personnel as "de facto justices."

**In Re Provisional Courts.**  
"Decisions promulgated by justices so-called," says the syllabus in the Youmans case, "are dicta of the court, and are not binding." (Continued on Page Three)

### RESIGNATION OF PREMIER LYANTY ANNOUNCED TODAY

(Associated Press.)  
Paris, March 15.—The resignation of Premier Lyanty today brought to a head the cabinet crisis which has been pending for the last few weeks. It was expected Premier Briand would make an announcement today, which would be a complete reorganization of the personnel of the cabinet.

### QUESTIONS OF NATIONAL DEFENSE TO BE DISCUSSED

(Associated Press.)  
New York, March 15.—Questions of national defense will be discussed by the adjutant generals and line commanders of the national guard of all the states and Hawaii, in a meeting beginning here March 27.

### EIGHT HOUR DAY OR WALK OUT IN SIGHT

Men Seemed Determined to Force Their Demands in Fear of War

DON'T WANT THE  
ISSUE UNSETTLED

Declares That Should Hostilities Break Out Every Man Will Stay on His Job

(Associated Press.)  
St. Paul, March 15.—P. H. McCauley, superintendent of transportation of the Northern Pacific railway, issued instructions today that "on account of a threatened strike of railway employees, all shipments of freight which will not reach their destination before 5:00 p. m. Sunday, March 18, will be accepted subject to delay."

**STRIKE SITUATION.**  
Brotherhoods and railway men met today in New York for the eighth hour conference. Neither side gave indication of yielding. There are possibilities of President Wilson intervening to prevent a strike. The brotherhoods now have a modified form for an eight-hour day and pro rata for overtime. The original demands made in March, 1915, called for time and a half for overtime. Saturday night is the time set for the strike of the eastern roads working westward and a suspension of all freight shipments and all traffic by 6:00 p. m. next Wednesday.

(Associated Press.)  
New York, March 15.—With no announcement as to whether any agreement had been reached, the joint conference today between the four chiefs of the railroad brotherhood and the railroad managers to consider the demands of the brotherhoods for an immediate settlement of the eight-hour controversy adjourned after an hour's discussion until four o'clock this afternoon.

### Present Ultimatum.

Settlement of the question whether a nation-wide strike of railroad employees will be called on Saturday will not be reached until late today at the earliest.

The four chiefs of the railroad brotherhoods, during an hour's joint conference today, presented to the national conference committee of the railroad managers, their ultimatum, calling it was understood, for the immediate granting of the eight-hour day and pro rata pay for overtime, with a strike as an alternative.

**Request Time.**  
The managers made no counter the arguments of the brotherhood executives in favor of their proposition, requested time to consider the situation in separate session and the joint meeting accordingly adjourned until 4 o'clock this afternoon, when the managers promised to give their answer.

**No Counter Proposition.**  
Themanager's made no counter proposition, it was learned. They simply listened to the employees' spokesmen, with little comment on their part.

An impression was gained, however, that both sides were in a conciliatory mood and were willing to thresh their controversy out, if there seemed a possible chance of reaching an amicable agreement. It was believed by some that the managers, during their interim conference, would formulate a counter proposition, in which case there was a possibility that the joint conference would go over until tomorrow before a conclusion is reached.

**WILSON MAY ACT**  
The critical international situation was the most important factor in the conference. Both sides used it as an argument, and it is expected that if the conference fails to achieve its purpose, President Wilson will appeal on the same grounds to employees and employers to settle their differences.

The 400,000 railroad brotherhood men, according to their spokesman, W. G. Lee, are determined to get the eight-hour day now, because should war come patriotism would make them feel obliged to stay at work.

The railroad managers entered the conference with the declaration that they would make no bargains until the supreme court had ruled on the constitutionality of the Adamson law.

**WANT EIGHT HOURS NOW.**  
The brotherhoods insist that the provisions of the Adamson law be put in effect at once as of Jan. 1. They demand ten hours' pay for eight hours' work, and pro rata pay for all overtime.

The position of the employees when the conference opened was that if these demands were not granted a strike would begin next Saturday night and extend throughout the country within the next three weeks.

(United Press.)  
New York, March 15.—The first managers arriving here for the eighth hour conference (Continued on page two.)